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**Courts.** Gigi Jordan, a millionaire and former pharmaceutical executive, was found guilty of first-degree manslaughter in Manhattan Supreme Court on Wednesday in the 2010 death of her 8-year-old autistic son, Jude, who was killed at the ritzy Peninsula Hotel. PAGE 02



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'I hate the part about New York where it's pitch black at 3:30 p.m.'

@HelenASPopkin

### Queens

#### MTA bus driver stabs man

Police arrested an on-duty MTA bus driver on Tuesday afternoon after he reportedly stabbed a man in the Rockaway Beach section of Queens.

The driver, Ephraim Henry, 30, was bringing his empty Q52 bus back to the depot at 1:30 p.m.

when he encountered Oscar Williams, 48.

The pair reportedly engaged in an altercation over Henry's wife, who Williams is allegedly dating. Following a verbal exchange, the MTA employee stabbed Williams in the forearm.

Henry was charged with first- and second-degree assault. METRO

### Queens

#### Buses to replace train service in Far Rockaway this Sunday

The Long Island Rail Road will carry out switch repair work this weekend halting train service in the Far Rockaway area. In response, the MTA will replace train service with



Waiting for a bus / GETTY IMAGES

buses between Far Rockaway and Valley Stream from 12:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Affected stations include Far Rockaway, Inwood, Lawrence, Cedarhurst, Woodmere, Hewlett and Gibson, with westbound service delaying passengers up to 63 minutes.

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# Gigi Jordan guilty in death of autistic son

**Manhattan.** The socialite was found guilty of manslaughter in the poisoning death of her son.

A wealthy New York socialite accused of killing her 8-year-old autistic son in a posh Manhattan hotel was found guilty of first-degree manslaughter on Wednesday, said prosecutors, who had sought a second-degree murder conviction.

Gigi Jordan, a self-made millionaire and former pharmaceutical executive, faces a sentence of up to 25 years for the 2010 poisoning death of her son Jude Mirra.

"Gigi Jordan showed no mercy to her son, and should receive none at the time of her sentencing,"



Gigi Jordan appears on the witness stand during a cross-examination on Oct. 15 in a Manhattan Supreme Court. / GETTY IMAGES

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance said.

Lawyers for Jordan said they would appeal her conviction.

"We said from the beginning that this was not a murder case, because there were extensive and horrific extenuating circumstances," said Norman Siegel, one of her lawyers.

Jordan was accused of overdosing Mirra with prescription pills at New York City's Peninsula Hotel. She said she acted was out of love and the fear that her son would be tortured and sexually abused by his father if he continued to live.

Jordan's ex-husband has denied the accusations.

Prosecutors argued that Jordan killed her son because she could not accept that he was disabled and she could not fix his medical condition.

No sentencing date has been set for Jordan. REUTERS



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### Lacking empathy

#### Social scene

Manhattan psychotherapist Jonathan Alpert said the incident may have happened due to a lack of empathy. He said for some people in NYC's social scene, "the emphasis is on status and standing in society more so than on nurturing a healthy, loving relationship with their children."

# Cops charged with assaulting teen



The video reportedly showed cops beating the teen.  
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Two NYPD officers have been charged with assaulting a 16-year-old boy during a Crown Heights arrest in August.

Street surveillance captured the incident, during which the officers are seen striking the teen, allegedly with a gun and their fists.

Police Officers David Afanador, 33, and Tyrone Issac, 36, have both been suspended for 30 days without pay, and will return to the department

on modified duty.

Afanador, who is charged with second-degree assault, a felony, criminal possession of a weapon and official misconduct, faces up to seven years in prison if convicted. Issac is charged with misdemeanor assault and official misconduct, and faces up to a year in prison if convicted.

An investigation found the officers were on patrol in an unmarked

### Nighttime encounter

#### 16

The age of Kahreem Tribble when he was stopped and assaulted by the two cops.

car around 2:20 a.m. on Aug. 29, when they saw Kahreem Tribble throw a bag of marijuana and run.

Issac chased Tribble, according to the Brooklyn District Attorney's office.

and when Tribble stopped and put his hands up, the video shows Issac striking him in the head. Afanador then apparently hit Tribble in the mouth with his gun, breaking his teeth, and Issac is seen punching the teen on the ground.

NYPD Internal Affairs investigated the incident, the DA's office said.

The officers were arraigned Wednesday. A grand jury indicted them earlier this week. METRO

# NYPD names first deputy commissioner



Ben Tucker was sworn into the position after Commissioner Bill Bratton made the announcement on Tuesday afternoon. / NYPD

**Manhattan.** Ben Tucker will take the number two spot at the NYPD.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton has promoted Benjamin Tucker as the first deputy commissioner of the NYPD.

Tucker, 63, was promoted Wednesday to the second-in-command position less than a week after Chief Philip Banks, who was expected to receive the promotion, resigned unexpectedly.

Tucker, a Bedford-Stuyvesant native, joined the department in 1969 as an 18-year-old high school graduate. He later went on to earn degrees from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Fordham University School of Law.

At a swearing-in ceremony, Bratton said he believes Tucker has "more than enough capability, talent, inspiration and love for this department."

Bratton said Tucker brings a "strong legal background" to the role, along with his "collaborative" nature and experience working with the Civilian Complaint Review Board, an independent agency that investigates com-

## Position without power

Last week, de Blasio and other local officials expressed disappointment at Banks' sudden "retirement" for professional reasons.

- Reuters reported that New York City Councilmembers Jumaane Williams and Vanessa Gibson believed Banks did not accept the

first deputy commissioner promotion because he viewed it as a position without much power.

## Full diversity

**"The makeup of NYPD's top officials must reflect the full diversity of New York City as we seek to strengthen police-community relations which for too long have been strained."**

Melissa Mark-Viverito

plaints made against NYPD officers. The commissioner said part of Tucker's duties will be accelerating the department's internal cases, adding he doesn't like to see cases drag on for years.

Tucker, who will also oversee the police academy as part of his duties, said the department is giving a careful look at how and

when officers use force, and is proposing new tactics for academy students and refresher courses for seasoned officers.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said Wednesday he has gotten to know Tucker over the last year and has been "impressed" by him, and called the new first deputy commissioner an "intelligent, visionary leader."

De Blasio said Tucker understands modern law enforcement approaches from both a leadership standpoint and his roots as a beat cop in the department.

City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said in a statement she was "pleased" with Tucker's appointment.

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## Albany

## State provides \$900K to fight gun violence

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Wednesday that New York state would provide \$900,000 in grants to fund violence reduction programs in three cities across the state: Hempstead, Wyandanch and Troy.

"This funding will allow these communities to use proven strategies to reduce gun violence in their neighborhoods and prevent more senseless tragedies from occurring," Cuomo said.

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Gun buyback / GETTY IMAGES

# French fries of NYC take center stage in art project

**Nolita.** A pop-up show features fries from 100 eateries.

French fries as art is the theme of a new pop-up exhibit that showcases photos of the delectable treat cooked up at 100 New York restaurants.

The exhibit, "Fries of New York, an Uncommon Exhibition," will take place this week in Nolita and is being hosted by Sir Kensington's, a local ketchup and condiments company, and they hope it will attract foodies and art lovers.

The uncommon idea to showcase the city's fries grew out of company co-founders Scott Norton and Mark Ramadan's obsession with ketchup and to recognize the variety of



The pop up exhibit features fries from the five boroughs. / SARAH ANNE WARD, COURTESY OF SIR KENSINGTON'S

**Guilt by association**

**"You can't be obsessed with ketchup without being obsessed with fries by association."**

Scott Norton

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New York City fries that they experienced over the past several years.

"You can't be obsessed with ketchup without being obsessed with fries by association," Norton said. "As a company that makes ketchups and works with restaurants, we've tasted hundreds of fries over the

years and were struck by the incredible diversity in styles and preparations."

The exhibit displays not only the wide range of New York fries but also provides visitors with insights into the history and evolution of french fries.

The fries were provided by some of the most famous restaurants in the city and were prepared for the exhibit by a special archiving process to help keep the fresh-from-the-fryer-look.

According to Norton, the presented fries have been selected "to illustrate the innovations that have occurred in fries" but also because they "are in particular interest to the public" or "made by historic restaurants."

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## NYC. New city law aims to protect cab drivers from assault

Mayor Bill de Blasio signed a law Wednesday that will require New York City taxi and livery cabs to display signs in their cars on the punishment for assaulting drivers.

The local law, called the "Taxi and Livery Driver Protection Act," requires cabs and other for-hire vehicles to dis-

### Rules of the law

The new law goes into effect in six months.

- The law calls for all cabs in the city to display a sign that warns people of penalties for assaulting taxi drivers.
- The law came into being after a rising number of attacks against taxi drivers.

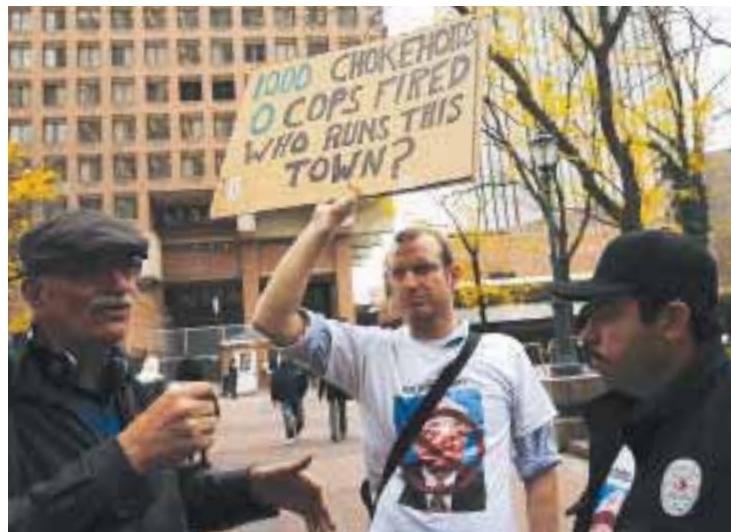
play a sign that reads: "ATTENTION: Assaulting A Driver Is Punishable By Up to Twenty-Five Years in Prison."

Limousines and black cars are not required to display the sign, and the law goes into effect in 180 days.

The mayor's office said two drivers were killed on the job this summer.

"This bill aims to curb such assaults and protect drivers' safety behind the wheel," the office said.

Council member Ydanis Rodriguez, who chairs the transportation committee, said "our taxi and livery drivers need to feel safer behind the wheel in order to drive safer on our roadways. We have seen great results by posting the penalty for assault in buses, and we know those results will translate." **METRO**



## Protesters rally to have Bratton fired

Nick Malinowski holds up a sign critical of the police and of New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton at a protest outside of One Police Plaza on Wednesday. Following the chokehold death of Eric Garner in Staten Island, Bratton has come under increased criticism for the "broken windows" policing policy which targets quality of life crimes. / GETTY IMAGES

### New York City

## City says Ebola doctor is getting better

The city health and hospitals department issued several updates on Ebola in New York City on

Wednesday.

Dr. Craig Spencer, who has been hospitalized since Oct. 23 after he returned from treating Ebola patients in Guinea, is showing signs of improvement. Spencer continues to receive treatment in

isolation at Bellevue Hospital, and his condition was upgraded to stable last weekend.

The city said Wednesday a patient who previously had contact with Spencer is not showing any symptoms, and is not a

public health threat.

There is one individual still quarantined in New York as of Wednesday. Updated numbers show a total of 357 people in the city are being monitored by health department workers. **METRO**



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## Legalization

**DC voters OK legal pot, but hurdles remain**

District of Columbia voters have overwhelmingly approved legalizing marijuana, but pot smokers in the U.S. capital still need congressional approval before they can legally light up.

Washington voters passed the initiative 65

percent to 28 percent on Tuesday, joining Oregon and Alaska in victories that add fuel to the pot legalization movement.

But Congress, which has constitutional oversight of the capital city, can disapprove a measure within a review period of 30 business days.

The president must also approve Congress' action to stop the initiative from

**Initiative****71**

Initiative 71 allows people over 21 to possess up to 2 ounces of marijuana and to grow up to six plants at home. It does not provide for sales.

becoming law.

Bill Piper, head of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance, which backed Ini-

tative 71, said he was confident the new Congress elected on Tuesday, which will take office in January, would not oppose it.

"We're still not that worried about Congress. They'd have to pass something in the House and Senate and it would have to be signed by the president, and that would be incredibly difficult within 30 days," he said.

REUTERS

# Obama to voters after the sweep: 'I hear you'



President Barack Obama speaks during a press conference at the White House. / GETTY IMAGES



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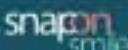
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**GOP.** The party also won more than half of the 36 governors races on Tuesday.

President Barack Obama acknowledged on Wednesday that "Republicans had a good night" with sweeping election victories in Congress and said he got a clear message from voters that it was his responsibility to break a Washington gridlock.

Tuesday's elections gave Republicans control of both houses of Congress for the first time since elections in 2006. The new Congress will take office in early January.

"As president, I have a unique responsibility to try and make this town work," the president said at a White House news conference. "So, to everyone who voted, I want you to know that I hear you."

Republicans seized control of the Senate and captured their biggest majority in the House of Representatives in more than 60 years.

The president, whose

unpopularity made him unwelcome to many fellow Democrats running for office, called a series of Democratic and Republican lawmakers on Tuesday night, the White House said.

At a news conference earlier, new Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he believed Obama was interested in moving forward on trade agreements and tax reform, two issues at a Washington standstill in the face of political differences.

Despite the Republican gains, the election was not necessarily an endorsement of Republican policies. Initiatives championed by Democrats to raise the minimum wage and legalize possession of small amounts of marijuana succeeded in a handful of states where they were on the ballot. REUTERS

**Quoted**

"Obviously, Republicans had a good night. And they deserve credit for running good campaigns." Obama



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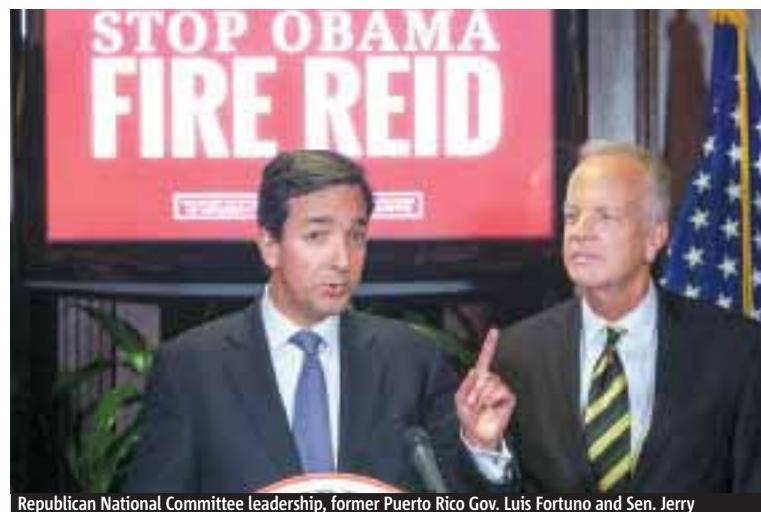
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# Economy probably wasn't main culprit in losses for Obama



Republican National Committee leadership, former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Fortuno and Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS), speak during a press conference to discuss the results of midterm elections. / GETTY IMAGES

**Elections.** While most disapprove of the president's handling of the economy, it's not the bugbear it once was.

America's underperforming economy has been an albatross for President Barack Obama since he took office in 2009 and likely did his Democratic party few favors in midterm elections on Tuesday — but it may not have been the decisive factor.

Hurt by Obama's general unpopularity, Democrats lost control of the Senate while Republicans strengthened their hold over the House of Representatives. The economy may well have become less of a problem than Obama's performance in addressing a broad range of issues.

While more Americans disapprove of the presi-

dent's handling of the economy, it wasn't the problem it had been in the past.

Several months of wage gains and faster job creation improved Americans' impression of Obama's performance on the economy coming into the congressional polls.

One quarter of Americans strongly disapproved of Obama's economic stewardship the day before the election, according to polling firm Ipsos. That was 10 percentage points lower than the average in Sep-



Obama lost control of Congress  
NY DAILY NEWS / GETTY IMAGES

tember, and the smallest level of reproach since the online poll began in 2012.

About 15 percent strongly approved of Obama on the economy, up from 10 percent two months ago.

"As far as the economy goes, the wind appears to be blowing slightly in the direction of the Democrats," said Christopher Wlezien, a political scientist at University of Texas at Austin who has studied the role of the economy in elections.

Employers have hired more than 200,000 workers in seven of the last eight months, and the jobless rate slipped below 6 percent in September for the first time since 2008.

To be sure, most Americans still earn less money than they did when Obama entered the White House, and a modest pickup in income growth since mid-year was too little, too late to have a major influence on the way people voted.

REUTERS

### Washington state

#### Deceased legislator headed for re-election

An incumbent Democratic state representative in Washington was headed for a decisive re-election

victory on Wednesday even though he died last week, results indicate.

Roger Freeman, a first-term representative from Federal Way, a city between Seattle and Tacoma, had 53 percent of the vote, compared to 46.9 percent for his

Republican challenger, Jack Dovey.

Freeman, 48, died last week after a battle with cancer. His death came after ballots were mailed to Washington voters, where all election voting is done by mail.

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## Packages

## Amazon tries out taxi deliveries in California

Amazon.com is testing deliveries via taxis in San Francisco and Los Angeles, according to The Wall Street Journal, as the Internet retailer explores alternative modes of delivery to speed up shipments while restraining cost.

Amazon is using the taxi-hailing mobile app Flywheel to ship parcels via licensed cabs, studying the feasibility of using taxi fleets more broadly as a delivery avenue. The Journal cited people familiar with the matter as saying.

The e-commerce company, stung by shipping delays last Christmas blamed on services such as UPS and FedEx, has been exploring various options from regional couriers to its own delivery vehicles. **REUTERS**

# Ray Rice's appeal hearing underway in New York City

**Hearing.** League security chief Jeffrey Miller and Ravens President Dick Cass are expected to testify.

A two-day appeal hearing that former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice hopes will result in his immediate reinstatement to the National Football League began Wednesday in midtown Manhattan.

Rice arrived at the hearing at 9:15 a.m. holding hands with his wife, Janay Palmer, the woman he knocked out in a one-punch fight inside an Atlantic City, New Jersey, casino elevator in February.

The altercation triggered widespread criticism of how NFL Commissioner



Suspended Baltimore Ravens football player Ray Rice and his wife, Janay Palmer, arrive for a hearing in New York City. / GETTY IMAGES

Goodell handles cases of domestic violence and led to the league strengthening its policies against such crimes.

Rice, 27, a six-year NFL veteran, will argue he was

sanctioned twice by the league for the same offense.

Goodell, who is expected to testify at the hearing, suspended Rice in July for two games for punching Palmer, his fiancee at the

time of the incident.

But in September, when surveillance video surfaced of the knockout from inside the elevator, Goodell suspended Rice indefinitely and the Ravens

## Pro Bowl

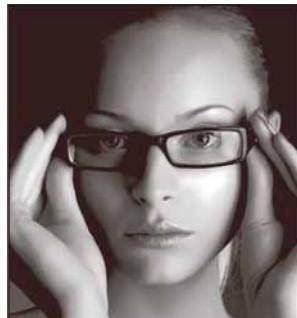
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Ray Rice has made the Pro Bowl three times in his NFL career.

released him.

Goodell says he had not seen the knockout punch until it emerged on the Internet, and it constituted new evidence in the case. The NFL players union says Goodell knew everything that happened all along and that the commissioner was swayed by public reaction to the punch.

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### Obama seeks \$6.2 billion to combat Ebola

President Barack Obama will ask Congress to approve \$6.2 billion in new funds this fiscal year to combat Ebola in West Africa and the United

States, according to officials familiar with the request.

The money will be designated as "emergency" funds, and thus technically not subject to an equal amount of savings from other programs, according to one congressional aide briefed on the matter.

According to an official at the White House's Office of Management and Budget, the administration wants lawmakers to provide \$4.5 billion in funds for immediate response to the deadly disease and another \$1.5 billion in contingency money. **REUTERS**

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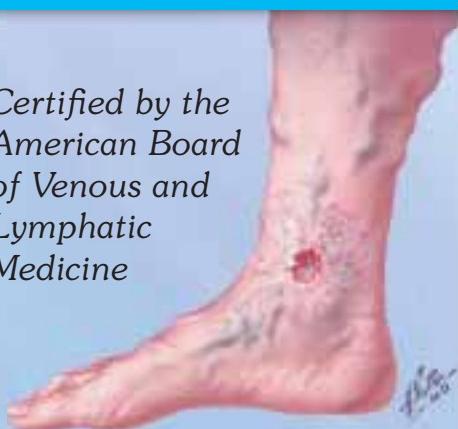
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## OMG! The useless smartphone mocks our antisocial addiction

This piece of black, rectangular plastic certainly looks like a smartphone, but unlike your standard digital device, it doesn't make calls, send texts, feature apps and — most importantly for its creator — rob you of time socializing with friends around you. The NoPhone, created by New York-based designer Van Gould, satirizes the everyday obsession of never losing contact with our smartphones. Metro chats with Gould, whose nongadget has raised \$18,000 on Kickstarter, over three times its pledged goal.

### How did the idea for the NoPhone come about?

We were at a bar one night, and we realized that we were all hanging out with our phones instead of hanging out with each other. That's when we came up with the idea.

### So it's a phone that's actually not a phone?

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### And people really want to have this "gadget"?

Some want to give the NoPhone as a holiday gift for their technology-addicted family and friends. Other people want it for themselves to help them disconnect from

their devices.

### How many people have already ordered the NoPhone?

Nearly a thousand people from around the world have already pledged to our project on Kickstarter. We are now taking pre-orders.

### What advantages does it have in comparison to other phones?

When you hold the NoPhone, it feels like a phone and looks like a phone, but it doesn't work like a phone. In fact, it doesn't



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### Question

## Do you have plans to create other products?

Some people have requested a NoTablet, but we are not sure if the market is ready for that yet.

work at all. The NoPhone's best feature is its lack of features. Sometimes it feels good to have no phone. **DMITRY BELYAEV, METRO WORLD NEWS**

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## Rocket crash. Orbital Sciences set to retire suspect motor in explosion

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The unmanned rocket, which was carrying a cargo ship to the International Space Station for NASA, exploded about 15 seconds after liftoff on Oct. 28, the first of two recent accidents by privately owned U.S. space operators.

To fulfill its contractual obligations to NASA, Orbital Sciences will buy rockets from an unnamed outside source



The Antares rocket suffered a catastrophic anomaly shortly after liftoff. / GETTY IMAGES

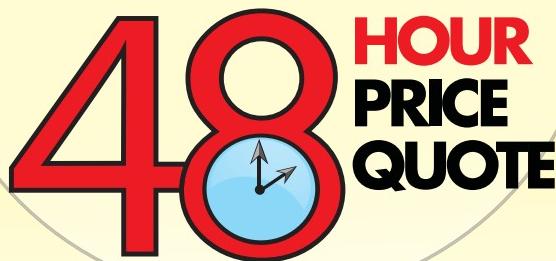
tares rocket, CEO David Thompson told investors and analysts on a company conference call. **REUTERS**

### Research

## Ancient critter from Madagascar rewrites early mammalian history

There is no doubt scientists had a lot of luck on their side in discovering a critter from the age of dinosaurs that rewrites our understanding of the history of early mammals.

The researchers said on Wednesday that they unearthed in Madagascar the fossil of a remarkable creature resembling a big groundhog that lived about 66 million years ago and, at about 20 pounds, was enormous compared to most other mammals of the Mesozoic Era. **REUTERS**



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## Britney Spears gambles on Vegas, and may lose

Want to see Britney Spears in Vegas? Because there are seats available. Like, a lot of them. Production staff are reportedly "scrambling" to fill seats after online ticket sales suggested that Spears' upcoming performances would be half-empty.

"She said that there was no way in hell that she would perform to a half-empty theater," a source tells Radar Online. Among the tactics they've been employing to fill the seats, my favorite has to be "Britney Day," where anyone who shares the same first name as Spears gets a free ticket.

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## Benedict Cumberbatch quietly announces he's off the market

I'm starting to worry that Benedict Cumberbatch doesn't understand how this whole being famous thing works. In an adorably old-fashioned and totally normal move, the "Sherlock" star announced his engagement to actress Sophie Hunter with a simple announcement in the Forthcoming Marriages section of The Times of London newspaper. "The engagement is announced between Benedict, son of Wanda and Timothy Cumberbatch of London, and Sophie, daughter of Katharine Hunter of Edinburgh and Charles Hunter of London," the posting reads.

Very traditional, yes,

but come on, Ben. You could've gotten a lot of mileage out of an exclu-



Cumberbatch, inset, and his humble un-superstar-ish announcement are pictured here. Not pictured: heartbroken "Cumberbitches."

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sive like that. Of course, given the hysteria level of a lot of Cumberbatch's female fans, it's understandable he'd want to

downplay this. There could still be a riot. Next, he'll announce he's been cast as Doctor Strange on Craigslist.

### Daily video

## New Zealand tries its own catcalling video

Last week's Hollaback! catcalling video has prompted plenty of reactions and debate, so it's understandable that the folks at the New Zealand Herald would want to get in on the action. They sent one woman, Nicola Simpson, out onto the streets of Auckland to see what sort of treatment she'd get, and the results were a little different than the New York version, to put it mildly. "Only two people spoke to the actress, and one of them was asking for directions," the video reports. Your move, Toronto.



## Harry Styles not limited to one direction in choice of mates



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What does a girl need to be to win Harry Styles' heart? Not necessarily a girl, as it turns out. During an interview for On Demand Entertainment, alongside fellow One Direction member Liam Payne, Styles got playful. When asked what traits they

look for in potential girlfriends, Payne joked, "Female, that's an important trait." Styles quickly argued, "Not that important." So what does Harry Styles seek in this hypothetical genderless humanoid? A "sense of humor" and "being nice to people." Awwwww.

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# Jamie Chung vs. Hollywood's Asian problem



JAMIE CHUNG  
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**Interview.** The Korean-American actress doesn't think it's a problem if she plays Japanese or Chinese characters.

Jamie Chung has a few things to say about being an Asian-American actress, not least of which is that people shouldn't make a big deal about her playing Japanese or Chinese people when she's Korean. Sure, maybe the promotional tour for Disney's new animated romp, "Big Hero 6," which

follows the adventures of a team of techies-turned-superheroes and an inflatable robot, isn't an ideal time for talking about race-based casting and Asian-American representation, but it's a conversation worth having, and one Chung is eager to have.

**How often do you get asked about representing Asian-Americans?**

I'm Korean, my nationality's Korean. And you know, I get asked [about playing different nationalities] quite often. I really don't see what difference it makes. I'm honored to play these roles, and I know quite a lot about the Japanese culture as well as



Jamie Chung voices hero GoGo Tomago in "Big Hero 6." / DISNEY

Thai culture and Korean culture and Chinese culture, and they are all very different. But it's weird that I get called out on those kinds of questions because it's like, do you call out Australian actors for playing British? "How does it feel playing a white character?" You know what I mean? I just wish it didn't have to be so racially defined. It becomes quite annoying.

**Do you ever feel a sense of, "Why am I expected to be a representative?"**

I read an interview with Lucy Liu where they asked her, "How does it feel to represent the whole Asian community?" And she's

like, "I never asked for that! I'm just doing my job." She doesn't necessarily want that responsibility. And I'm not saying that I don't, it's just ... I don't know. I consider myself an artist, and I love and appreciate all these different cultures. It's interesting, and I get it. There's a lot of nationalism and a lot of pride, and I respect that. But as an artist, it's sad that we're kind of limited. We're already so segregated — Asian female actress — it sucks that it's even more limiting if you think like that.

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**How do you deal with all of this?**

You just answer the questions as PC as possible. As an artist, you hope to play all of them and not just one specific Korean character because you're Korean. I don't think that's really fair. I'm sure white actors are not asked these questions. A great actor is a great actor, and they can turn into something else. But it's quite entertaining when everyone in a movie about Egypt is anything but Egyptian. So I get it, I get it. It's a hard thing to address.

**When will we get to see Asian-American arcs on television that aren't just telling the same story?**

Yeah, I'm so sick of that story. And it's my story, too. I think once we phase out of this decade, hopefully it will become more even. And I feel like we're getting there, but slowly.

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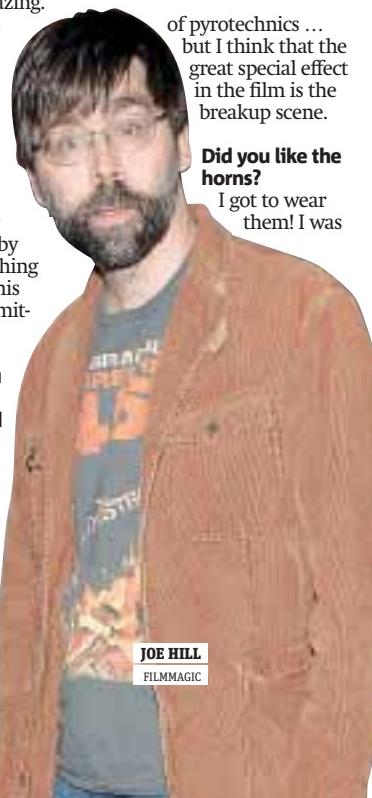
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Matthew McConaughey hangs with the kids he'll soon abandon for space in "Interstellar." / PARAMOUNT, WARNER BROTHERS

## 'Interstellar'

**1** Christopher Nolan gets lost in space in this typically ambitious sci-fi saga, with the fate of humankind put in the hands of the guy from "Ghosts of a Girlfriends Past" and the girl from "Ella Enchanted." (The guy from "Jaws: The Revenge" is there too.)

## 'Big Hero 6'

**2** One day every film will be from Marvel. They've already started taking over animation, starting with this superhero-comedy about a young science prodigy and his inflatable robot pal fighting baddies.

## 'The Theory of Everything'

**3** Having already been played as a young man by Benedict Cumberbatch (in a 2004 TV movie), Stephen Hawking gets the full Great Man biopic treatment, with Eddie Redmayne playing him into his older age and Felicity Jones as his patient, suffering wife.

## 'National Gallery'

**4** Documentarian legend Frederick Wiseman ("High School," "La Danse") shifts his fly-on-the-wall, purely observational technique to the National Gallery in London, taking an epic look at how the museum functions and more.

## 'The Better Angels'

**5** Despite Terrence Malick's acclaim, the director has few imitators. One of them is A.J. Edwards, his frequent editor and collaborator, who made this Malick-style look at Abraham Lincoln's backwoods childhood, featuring Jason Clarke and Brit Marling as his parents.

## 'Open Windows'

**6** Elijah Wood stars in this thriller, played out entirely of various streaming windows on a computer desktop, which depicts a fanboy involved in a mysterious and tricky hacker's attempts to exploit and harm a notoriously nuditly-shy actress (played by Sasha Grey).

## 'A Merry Friggin' Christmas'

**7** One of Robin Williams' final performances is in this star-studded grumpy Christmas movie, with Joel McHale as the same son in a dysfunctional family, with a cast that ranges from Tim Heidecker to Candice Bergen.

## 'Actress'

**8** Brandy Burre, who played Virginia D'Agostino on "The Wire" and retired from acting when she became pregnant, is the focus of this experimental documentary made by Robert Greene, editor of the recent "Listen Up Philip."

## 'Nightcrawler'

**10** Jake Gyllenhaal is getting raves for his turn as a probably sociopathic thief who makes a natural segue into the sometimes skeevy business of nighttime freelance news reporting, grabbing killer shots of unimaginably horrible wrecks and murders.

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# 'I just want to sing'

**Set free.** Former "American Idol" contestant Angie Miller talks about her new goals and challenges after the cameras stopped rolling.

If you preordered Angie Miller's upcoming EP, you're getting a personal touch that you might not even know about. Miller, who rose to fame during the 2013 season of "American Idol," is addressing envelopes herself to send copies of her brand-new EP, "Weathered," which comes out Tuesday.

"My apartment is hilarious right now," she says. "It's me, my boyfriend and my best friend who are here, and there's a stack of T-shirts and a stack of CDs and envelopes everywhere."

Though Miller was not the first "Idol" hopeful to sing an original song on the show (we can't forget Larry Platt's "Pants on the Ground") her original song, "You Set Me Free" was a breakout hit. After her elimination on "Idol" in the top 3, Miller had talks with record labels, but she



Angie Miller's debut EP, "Weathered," comes out Tuesday.

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says she opted not to pursue a deal, as it could limit her independence.

"I realized that getting a label deal and doing all of that stuff would take away from what I truly want to do," she says. "I want to make mistakes and learn how to do things right."

Didn't she learn about the industry from "Idol"?

"I didn't know a single

thing about the music industry, and I was kind of left in the dark," she says.

"Idol" is boot camp for performance ... it's boot camp for dealing with a lot of stress and still staying positive, but it's not boot camp for Music Industry 101."

"You Set Me Free" was uploaded to iTunes after her TV debut of the song. When asked how this

Six different ways

**The 'Weathered' report**

As for the artist she is today, "Weathered" showcases Miller's songwriting chops as well as her vocal chops.

"I just think the most important thing out of everything is that when people listen to the six different songs, I want them to hear six different points in my life over the past two years," she says.

"Weathered" is also more artistically daring than the usual post-"Idol" fare.

"I'm not a super commercial, bubblegum pop kind of girl. I wasn't even that on 'Idol,'" she says. "I'm not a huge fan of competition. ... I just want to sing."

might have helped her financially, she says, "Honestly, I don't even know."

"I'm very thankful for my time on 'Idol' though, and they got me all of my fans," she says. "I wouldn't be the artist that I am today without 'American Idol.'"

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## Live onstage.

SuicideGirls founder discusses the group's new Burlesque show.

SuicideGirls, the Internet's 13-year-strong bastion of nerdy sexy cool, is hitting the road again with this fall's Blackheart Burlesque, a tantalizing revue of pop culture channeled through the site's tattooed, punk esthetic. And if that's not reason enough to go, supporting the girls puts you on the right side of the current online culture war. We spoke with the group's founder, Missy Suicide, about crafting the show, keeping it fresh and dealing with trolls.

**You relaunched your live show last year. What's new about this year's tour?**

There are a lot of new numbers. Last year's tour had a lot of pop culture references, but there were some non-themed numbers peppered through, but this year we've got so

many new numbers and it's all themed out. There's an "Adventure Time" number this year, for instance, that I'm super-stoked about, and it's set to a Black Keys song. It's highly choreographed and super-sexy.

### How exactly do you incorporate "Adventure Time" into a burlesque routine?

The girls are themed out, their costumes are "Adventure Time" and they're in character as different "Adventure Time" characters. It's so fun to see these characters that you know and love come to life dancing to these modern songs and doing it in a sexy,

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**You're going so many different places with this tour. Do you have a sense of how the crowds vary in each city?**

I feel like there are superfans in every city. That's the thing that doing a website has taught me over the past 13 years is that there are small pockets of people that are into the same things you are, the same subcultures you are, in every city and every town all across the world. Before it was you just didn't know. But there are people around the world who all share the same interests.

**And with the Internet you can find your kindred spirits a lot easier.**

Exactly. You can find your penguin or whatever. [Laughs]

### Is that a "Fight Club" reference?

Maybe. I tend to make a lot of Chuck Palahniuk references.



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SuicideGirls take their show on the road and take it off. / SUICIDEGIRLS

### Bonus question

**You work so much online. You must have a unique perspective on the recent blow-ups about feminism and women's issues online.**

Social media has always had inherent trolls. It's been this kind of Wild West thing where people feel like they can say just whatever comes to their

mind. Just saying the worst things ever. Meanwhile, in our society, we have so many choices available to us these days, and so now women are gravitating toward things that had been predominantly male-focused, like comic books and video games and stuff. So many of the girls on the site are into geekier pur-

suits. And it's that, which is great, coupled with the troll culture, which has clashed in this way that's really alarming and upsetting. But I think eventually no society really tolerates any sort of Tourette-sian outburst, so I feel like at some point ... people will behave accordingly. [Laughs]

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# All aboard 'The Last Ship'

**Theater.** The best part about Sting's new Broadway musical is Sting.

We've been listening to "The Last Ship" since it opened Oct. 26. The album offers the right blend of Sting and Broadway; it tells a rich narrative through songs that, for the most part, also hold up independently.

The show, too, is buoyed by its soundtrack (and on-point choreography by Steven Hoggett), but it's missing a few layers of plot and character development. There are perhaps five too many numbers, so the show sails past 2 1/2 hours without leaving enough substance in its wake.

We're first introduced to young Gideon (Collin Kelly-Sordelet) and Meg (Dawn Cantwell), who are madly in love but feel suffocated in their small town.



Tickets to this open-run show are available at [www.thelastship.com](http://www.thelastship.com). / JOAN MARCUS

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#### 'The Last Ship'

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When Gideon's father is forced to retire, the teen decides to jump ship rather than follow in his old man's (literal) work boots.

After 15 years, Gideon (Michael Esper) is back for his dad's funeral. He hasn't amounted to much, and he finds that life has moved on. But despite Meg (Rachel Tucker) having a new beau (Aaron Lazar) and son (also Kelly-Sordelet), Gideon decides she's the only thing that ever made sense — or, at least, she's a suitable stand-in for the sense of belonging he really craves — so he must have her back.

During Act 1, a man in the row behind us called out: "If she picks Gideon, I'm leaving. He's a d—bag." But Meg takes a long time to make up her mind, so you wonder if you're supposed to root for that "d—bag" or not. Plus, the play is loosely based on the life of Sting, so you feel an undertow of empathy for his likeness in Gideon.

All hands are on deck for the second plot, which really fights to be the

prominent tale. The shipyard, the economic hub of the seaside town, is being closed. It's cheaper and faster to have ships made overseas. But the workers won't go quietly; they occupy the shipyard and go about building one last ship to take out to sea. What will become of their families, livelihoods and town? It's something they'll apparently face when they return. This



storyline tackles all-too-real economic issues, as well as trickier threads on identity and ego, with wrenching honesty and just enough fantasy to keep it from utter bleakness. It questions whether pride, tradition and especially faith can tide communities over in the face of these hardships.

But that's a bit heavy, so we have the lopsided love triangle and plenty of rousing songs to get us from one plot foothold to the next till we reach an uplifting (if unresolved) ending.

With a leaner load, "The Last Ship" would be an outstanding example of modern musical theater. Instead, its legacy will be its soundtrack — nostalgic for the lost art of community, celebrating the idea that it can be rebuilt.



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# Alexander Wang x H&M: The new urban uniform

**Debut.** The designer's take on day-to-night dressing includes a stop at the gym.

A quick scan of the crowd gathered for Alexander Wang's exclusive H&M debut reveals the fashion set's new unofficial uniform: sleek black everything and sneakers.

It seems that every editor present ditched her stilettos for October's multi-part extravaganza — a morning press conference downtown, with an evening fashion show way uptown, followed by an after-hours pop-up shop and concert — which is totally fitting.

Wang has championed effortless, off-duty dressing since launching his label in 2004. For Spring 2015, the designer drew inspiration from "the phenomenon of sneaker culture." Now his much-hyped H&M collaboration — hitting stores today! — takes on active wear.

"A lot of my friends are gym fanatics and go to SoulCycle," explains Wang about the starting point for his capsule.

The designer, who has a sixth sense for how trendsetters want to dress, stresses that sporty clothes are no longer relegated to the gym.

"There's a lot of people like me: I'm not an athlete, I don't work out, but I wear gym clothes almost

everyday," he says while picking at a plate of grapes backstage. Rehearsal for tonight's runway show got pushed back, and so did any chance to eat.

Further proving his point that fitness inspired fashion is officially a "thing," Beyoncé and TopShop recently partnered to produce an athletic label.

"People have such active lifestyles that they want to be comfortable. They want to be able to move and take the subway and run around," says the designer.

If there's anyone who understands our fast-paced lives, full of multitasking and meals on the go, it's Wang. In addition to designing his eponymous multimillion-dollar brand, the 30-year-old was named creative director of Balenciaga in 2012. And somewhere in the mix he managed to create this collection for the Swedish fast-fashion retailer — which, he stressed during the morning press conference, isn't a lower-priced version of his hits. These designs are brand new.

"I always try to push forward and discover a new conversation that I haven't necessarily done before, while staying very true to the approach of

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Wang doesn't work out, but he knows the importance of yoga pants. / PROVIDED

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**"This line is so close to my process and how I live that it felt very authentic to my lifestyle."** Wang

ease, the approach of being unpretentious, the approach of being comfortable," he says.

Sporty clothing fits the requirements. Specifically, says Wang, "the idea of sports at night." Anyone who's attended a Wang after-party knows that the designer prefers to burn his calories on the dance floor.

Cutout scuba dresses, tech-inspired leggings and quick-drying crop tops work just as well at the club as they would at, say, Equinox.

"I'm not trying to reinvent the wheel," says the designer. "I love fashion; it's fun, and I think it should be celebrated."

An hour later, acrobats stormed the race-track runway. They jumped and flipped on trampolines before supermodels such as Joan Smalls, Karlie Kloss and a bevy of shirtless men took the floor.

Confetti came down. The "Wang"-embossed sweatshirt sold out early. And like his epic fashion week after-parties, guests danced the night away to a surprise performance. This time, it was Missy Elliott commanding revelers to "Get Ure Freak On."

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# When your phone doesn't realize you've broken up

**Modern love.** An artist explores how technology keeps couples intertwined.

When designer and new media artist Sarah Hallacher broke up with her longtime boyfriend last year, she couldn't help but notice just how connected the former couple's online lives were long after their relationship ended.

Along with all of the heartache and emotions that usually accompany the ending of a relationship, Hallacher also had to spend a considerable amount of time and energy untangling their digital lives. "My partner and I lived together, and as I was moving out and trying to de-tangle everything, I needed a creative outlet. So I just started taking



A screenshot from "The User Experience of a Heartbreak" / PROVIDED

screenshots," says Hallacher. Those screenshots were the inspiration for Hallacher's latest project "The User Experience of a Heartbreak," a collection of animated GIFs. We talked to Hallacher about some of the surprising things social media revealed about her breakup.

## Facebook remembers everything

"At some point, [my ex] blocked me on Facebook and he kind of mentioned 'that it's really painful to see any mention of you online,'" Hallacher explains. "When I first noticed he blocked me, I



thought, "Does this end our relationship? Are we not friends anymore?"

Hallacher took to the Internet to find the answers to these questions, and it turns out that many people were asking the same thing. "I found this massive archive of all of these social media questions," she says. "It was interesting to see that people wanted to know what happened because they were having an emotional reaction to all of these things."

## Netflix doesn't recognize you

While Facebook never forgets, it seemed like companies like Netflix

### Security question

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One particularly startling moment for Hallacher came recently when she had to call about one of her credit cards. "I probably call my credit card company about once a year, if that, and I totally forgot that I made his name the answer to my security question," she says. "So the operator asks, 'Who is your best friend?' And it's him."

and Amazon didn't really know what uncoupled Hallacher was like. "We shared my Netflix account," she says. "So after we split up, my entire Netflix queue was crazy sci-fi movies he wanted to see."

Hallacher says that she always used her ex-partner's Amazon account to order products. "He had Amazon Prime," she explains, "so all of my purchase history was on his account. When I went on my own Amazon account, it said I hadn't bought anything since 2009."

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### Online dating

The names of dating sites such as Match, OkCupid and Plenty of Fish are instantly recognizable to both daters and nondaters alike. But what about those singles who are looking for an online community that's a bit more select? Turns out you're in luck — there seems to be a dating site for just about every interest and community imaginable. Here, three of the more niche ones.

## Geek2Geek

This site bills itself as a "safe, friendly and easy-to-use site where geeks and their admirers can find each other." Looking for the gamer or comic book fan of your dreams? This



You can be as happy as this couple one day. / COLOURBOX

might be the site for you.

## Farmers Only

Nine years ago, public relations executive Jerry Miller began Farmers Only — a site whose goal is to help "farmers and ranchers to meet like-minded people."

On the site's official blog, Miller says that he came up with the idea after meeting a recently divorced farmer. Interested? Take note that users (quite naturally) are almost all from the rural United States and Canada.

## No Longer Lonely

Living with a mental illness can be an isolating experience. All of No Longer Lonely's members have received a diagnosis of some form of mental illness. "For those with mental illness, the problem is compounded by fear of disclosure and stigma," reads the site's mission statement. The site wants to eliminate those fears for its users. **LAKSHMI GANDHI**

## FOR ADULTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES

**Januvia® works  
when my  
blood sugar  
is HIGH...**

**...and works less  
when my  
blood sugar  
is LOW.**

Actor portrayal.

## JANUVIA works by enhancing your body's own ability to lower blood sugar.

- JANUVIA is a prescription pill you take once a day.
- JANUVIA, along with diet and exercise, helps lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA, by itself, is not likely to cause blood sugar going too low (hypoglycemia), because it works less when blood sugar is low.
- JANUVIA, by itself, is not likely to cause weight gain.

JANUVIA (jah-NEW-vee-ah) should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in the blood or urine). If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting it while taking JANUVIA.

### Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA

Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Please read the Medication Guide on the adjacent page for more detailed information.

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Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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**Januvia®**  
(sitagliptin)  
25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg tablets

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## Medication Guide

### JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

#### What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

**Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.**

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

#### Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

#### What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

#### Who should not take JANUVIA?

##### Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:

- rash
- raised red patches on your skin (hives)
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

#### What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

##### Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

**Pregnancy Registry:** If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.

- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

**Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

#### How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See "What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?".
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.

- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.

• Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.

- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

#### What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

##### Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See "What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?".

• **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:

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• **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See "Who should not take JANUVIA?". Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.

- **Kidney problems**, sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

#### How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

#### Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

#### General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to [www.JANUVIA.com](http://www.JANUVIA.com) or call 1-800-622-4477.

#### What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

Active ingredient: sitagliptin

Inactive ingredients: microcrystalline cellulose, anhydrous dibasic calcium phosphate, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, and sodium stearyl fumarate. The tablet film coating contains the following inactive ingredients: polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene glycol, talc, titanium dioxide, red iron oxide, and yellow iron oxide.

#### What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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 (sitagliptin)  
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# Welcome to FiDi, Conde Nast!

## Restaurants.

We have some recommendations for notable spots near your new digs at 1 World Trade.

Polish your shoes and make sure the lapels on your coat are right for the season. FiDi — our new neighbors have a keen eye. The main tenant of 1 World Trade Center, Conde Nast, publisher of everything covetable from the pages of Allure to Wired, finally moved in this week. But it's a long way from 4 Times Square, and even models have to eat. For a quick lunch, there's no better place to please an entire office than the Hudson Eats food hall at Brookfield Place, but what about a great cup of coffee, a sophisticated business lunch or a dinner to impress celebrity guests? We have a few suggestions for where to go (and, as importantly, be seen).

## Mulberry & Vine

This charming little bistro feels like it was plucked from Williamsburg and dropped among the gray of Manhattan. Pull up one of the cheery yellow chairs and enjoy a plant-focused lunch that doesn't forsake meat. Choose what you're craving, or what you should be having according to the wall of ingredients

### American

#### North End Grill

The saucer-like lamps may create the feeling of dining beneath an alien invasion, but the food is both modern — much of the market-driven menu is prepared over a wood-burning grill — and precise, as is the way of Danny Meyer (Gramercy Tavern). Scotch drinkers are encouraged to pace themselves while tackling the 150 varieties behind the bar. **104 North End Ave., northendgrillnyc.com**



Go for the seafood at North End Grill. / MELISSA HOM

### French

#### Maman

Even the most city-loving girl can find herself fantasizing about giving it all up for the French countryside and living on wine and goat cheese. Short of running away to the Loire Valley, Maman's adorable French cottage-style nook is the next best thing. Spend the next rainy lunch hour with your hands wrapped around a delicate blue-and-white teacup and a quiche by Michelin-starred chef Armand Arnal. Don't leave with-



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out trying the chocolate chip cookie with French sea salt. **239 Centre St., mamannyc.com**

(local, organic and free of hormones and antibiotics) and their benefits. **73 Warren St., mulberryandvine.com**

### Laughing Man Coffee & Tea

If there's someone who embodies the spirit of coffee, it's Hugh Jackman. How else do you explain his inexhaustible energy between musicals, Wolverine and never looking like he regularly shuttles between Los Angeles and his native Australia? Maybe you'll find his secret at the bottom of a cup of coffee (or unique tea) at Laughing Man, which he co-founded. Giant doughnut optional (but recommended). **1 North End Ave., livelaughingman.com**

## Brushstroke

Chef David Bouley is a New York City institution, but for this kaiseki restaurant he linked up with Japan's Tsuji Culinary Institute for a seasonally rotating tasting menu. Cross your fingers for the chawan mushi, where the broth is served on top of the dish. But then, fashion magazine editors should be used to defying gravity. **30 Hudson St., davidbouley.com/brushstroke-main**

## BLT Bar & Grill

This tavern inside the W New York-Downtown has thoughtful details like glass lanterns and antique mirrors, making it a versatile spot that's neither too masculine nor precious. The menu also mixes styles, with great salads (we like the Green Wheat Cobb) next to hearty cold-weather fare like the seafood hot pot. Get whimsical with dessert — go for a cereal cocktail. **123 Washington St., ezhospitality.com/blt-bar-grill-new-york**

## Clinton Hall

Wine has fewer calories, but beer is more fun. The tap selection here is often themed, and special events are common even during the week. Pair your craft brew with any of seven kinds of wurst and six varieties of fries on the side. **90 Washington St., clintonhallny.com**

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### Foodies

#### 'Alton Brown Live!'

Our favorite story about maniacally gleeful "Cutthroat Kitchen" host Alton Brown is that his interest in food really took hold in college, when he discovered that he could turn a woman's rejection into a "yes" if he offered to cook for her. Think of how food could change YOUR life!

To explore just that, Brown will bring his "Alton Brown Live! The Edible Inevitable Tour" to the Beacon Theater on Nov. 15. He describes the show as "things no one in his right mind would allow me to do on TV." Expect antics, singing (by Brown!) and food experiments that turn the first few rows into a splash zone. Somehow, there will also be puppets.

[AltonBrownTour.com](#)

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Cocktail of the Week

Mustache  
for Mo



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How's that mustache coming in? We're almost a week into Movember, the annual men's health campaign, so there should be some bristly action happening. Give it some encouragement with a frothy treat at Royalton Hotel's Forty Four bar with the Mustache for Mo cocktail. It's built like an Old Fashioned, then topped with a shot of Espresso Creamed Meringue to give you that "Got Milk?" 'stache. The bartenders are all taking part, and \$1 will be donated to the Movember Foundation for each cocktail sold.

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READINGS

The Dirty Version:  
Ol' Dirty Bastard

Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration  
1368 Fulton St., Bed-Stuy  
Free, [www.greenlightbookstore.com](http://www.greenlightbookstore.com)  
Buddha Monk shares stories from the legendary Ol' Dirty Bastard, from their days as childhood friends to when the Wu-Tang Clan topped the charts. In conversation with co-author Professor Mickey Hess and hip-hop writer Shawn Setaro, Monk will be dropping knowledge about Big Baby Jesus aka ODB aka Dirt McGirt in the neighborhood where it all began, Bed-Stuy. Reception and book signing to follow.

ART

Paint Nite at  
Citi Field

Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
Citi Field, 123-01 Roosevelt Ave.  
[\\$55](http://$55.newyork.mets.mlb.com), [newyork.mets.mlb.com](http://newyork.mets.mlb.com)  
Baseball season may be over, but Citi Field is too good a venue to let sit empty all winter. Come out tonight for a painting class to create a miniature portrait of Citi Field — let's just hope you

MUSIC



OLIVER CORREA

Brooklyn Electronic Music Festival

Nov. 7-8, 9 p.m.  
Various venues, Williamsburg, \$50-\$200, [www.brooklynemf.com](http://www.brooklynemf.com)  
Leave your instruments at home this weekend; you won't need them. Combining notable acts with hot newcomers, this festival is known for its variety and quality, with Prefuse 73, The Gaslamp Killer, Machinedrum, Shift K3Y and tons more on the roster.

FILM

Winter Film

paint better than the Mets play baseball, right? All supplies will be provided.

Awards 48-Hour  
Film Challenge

Nov. 7, 8 p.m.  
WFA Offices  
419 Lafayette St.  
Free, [winterfilmawards.com](http://winterfilmawards.com)  
Got what it takes to make a short film in two days? You've got 48 hours to decide what you're going to do, write a screenplay, assemble props, costumes and actors, rehearse, shoot, score and edit your film to win a portion of over \$13,000 in prizes from The Paint Place, Chelsea Piers, Sleep No More/The McKittrick Hotel, Pole Position and more. You won't sleep a wink.

FUN



GETTY IMAGES

Secrets of Grand  
Central Scavenger Hunt

Nov. 9, 2 p.m.  
Grand Central Terminal, 89 E. 42 St.  
[\\$24.50, \[watsonadventures.com\]\(http://watsonadventures.com\)](http://$24.50.watsonadventures.com)  
There's more to Grand Central than trying to avoid tourists and seeking out the fastest route from the 6 train to the Hudson Magazine stand. Check out hidden art, the famous whispering gallery, mysterious markings in the constellation ceiling, ghost train arrivals and more.

performing their songs, and  
then you can say you sort of saw  
Joy Division.

specials and a food tent for your  
nutrition needs.

Vinyl Revolution  
Record Show

Nov. 9, noon  
Littlefield  
622 Degraw St., Gowanus  
\$2-\$5, [www.vinylrevolutionrecordshow.com](http://www.vinylrevolutionrecordshow.com)  
If spending your Sunday digging through crates of records seeking out first pressings, rare picture discs and long-lost gems is your idea of a good time, then welcome to the revolution — the Vinyl Revolution Record Show. Over 30 dealers, all-day drink



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Peter Hook and  
the Light

Nov. 7, 7 p.m.  
Irving Plaza  
17 Irving Place  
\$35, [www.peterhook.co.uk](http://www.peterhook.co.uk)  
Since Joy Division is long gone and you'll never get to see them live, you might as well catch their bassist with his new act

Education Through  
Music Benefit

Nov. 12, 7 p.m.  
Rough Trade NYC  
64 N. Ninth St., Williamsburg  
\$65-\$80, [roughtradenc.com](http://roughtradenc.com)  
With all proceeds benefiting 20,000 NYC children who would otherwise have no access to high-quality music education, is there really a better way to spend your evening? Not to mention that your ticket provides access to an open bar with snacks like lobster rolls and tacos, plus live music and prizes. JAY HONSTETTER

**Horoscope****11 Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov.**

**21.** Maintain discipline and keep a level head, regardless of what is going on around you. Don't allow a minor dispute to jeopardize your position.

**7 Sagittarius | Nov. 22-**

**Dec. 21.** Keep your mind on your tasks. Daydreaming will result in an unfortunate mishap. Reconnect with an old friend.

**19 Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan.**

**20.** Someone in your life will feel left out if your schedule becomes too hectic. Plan something that will perk you up.

**~~~ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb.**

**18.** Don't invite interference into your life by sharing personal information. You are likely to set yourself up for a fall.

**1 Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.**

Your best option is to listen and learn. Avoid making promises that you can't keep. Spend time doing something you love.

**10 Aries | March 21-April 20.**

Minor ailments will get worse if you don't take better care of your health. Good nutrition, exercise and rest will help fight pending problems.

**1 Taurus | April 21-May 21.**

Pick your battles wisely. If you receive unsolicited advice from a well-meaning individual, listen carefully.

**11 Gemini | May 22-June 20.**

Don't make any commitments in writing without obtaining legal advice. Financial ventures will not have the right outcome.

**12 Cancer | June 21-July 22.**

Don't crowd the people in your life. Being considerate of others will make a huge difference in the way you are treated. Don't meddle unless you want to be avoided.

**13 Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.**

Negative repercussions will occur if you are too vocal about work-related matters. Keep your opinions to yourself.

**14 Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.**

Good fortune surrounds you. Go ahead with changes. Your positive attitude will pay off. Romance is in the stars.

**15 Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.**

Life won't be as idyllic as you wish. Do your best to ride out the storm by retreating to a quiet place where you can reflect.

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**Letters****Dems have lost staying power**

margin of victory could have been different had many Obama supporters — both Democrats and Independents — come out to vote instead of sitting on their hands.

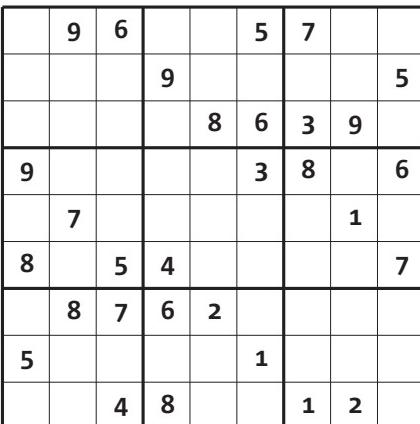
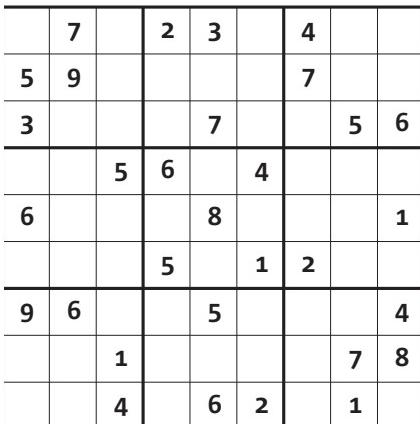
LARRY PENNER, VIA EMAIL

**Editor's note:** The midterm election results are tallied, and we want to know what you think. Are you happy with the results in your city, your state, across the country? What does it mean for the U.S. throughout the next two years, and for the 2016 presidential election? What kinds of legislation, repeals or changes would you like to see our newly elected (or re-elected) leaders enact?

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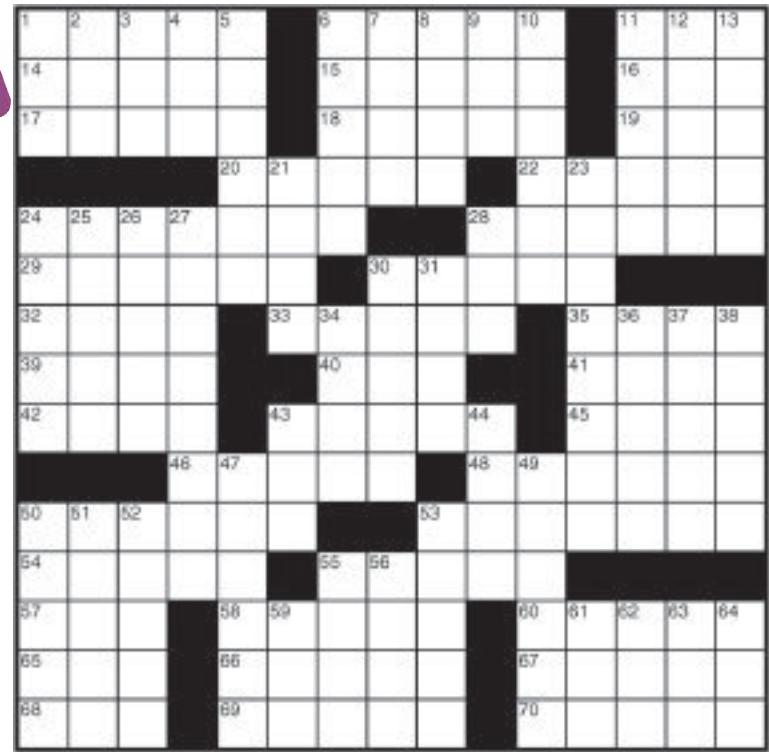
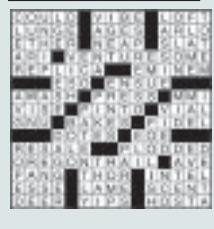
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- 35 Speedy
- 39 Taco filling
- 40 Pindar forte
- 41 Enjoy
- 42 Helot
- 43 Leather for honing
- 45 Cow-headed goddess
- 46 Humiliate
- 48 Grommet
- 50 Sixth planet
- 53 Flirts
- 54 "Groovy!"
- 55 Open contempt
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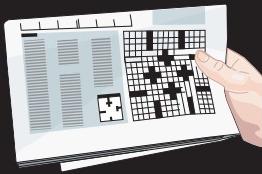
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- 10 Some flights
- 11 Cover story
- 12 "Late Show" feature
- 13 Invents
- 21 Doberman docs
- 23 Gauzy-winged insects
- 24 Ticket remnants
- 25 Thick soup
- 26 Buy by mail
- 27 Film director Francois —
- 28 Lead balloon
- 30 Mexico's Sierra —
- 31 Bogus butter

- 34 Portable beds
- 36 Usher's beat
- 37 Downhill racer
- 38 Trial balloons
- 43 Japanese honorific
- 44 Squint at
- 47 Wall Street denizen
- 49 Rebel's foe
- 50 Show teeth
- 51 Hawk's lair
- 52 Steamy dance
- 53 Large handbags
- 55 Laundry cycle
- 56 Extremist sect
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- 62 Kid's ammo
- 63 Katharine — Bates
- 64 Billboards

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## SPORTS

### Suspended

#### Smith will sit for groin punch

J.R. Smith's erratic behavior has caught up with him again. The Knicks guard was suspended one game for striking Wizards guard Glen Rice in the groin Tuesday night. He sat out last night's game in Detroit. He was suspended the first five games of last season for failing a drug test and fined for twice trying to untie an opponent's shoelaces in January. He was also suspended a game during the 2013 playoffs.



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# BIG-NAME PLAYERS MAKE BIG RETURNS

As we navigate through the last of the bloated bye weeks, we can narrow our focus from depth to difference-makers.

After all, fantasy football is not a cumulative game — it's a week-to-week battle. There are plenty of players out there that haven't suited up in a long time. What to expect from three of the biggest names:

### Flash Gordon

Fantasy's No. 1 wide receiver from last season is finally nearing a return. Josh Gordon has been allowed at the team facility during his suspension, reportedly working "really hard" and is ready to hit the ground running in Week 12. A dynamic difference maker that has proven he can overcome wobbly quarterback play, Gordon will immediately enter the top-10 WR tier when he makes his season debut against the Falcons. This pass game is absolutely desperate for weaponry.

### All Day's plea

Now that Adrian Peterson has pleaded to one misdemeanor count of assault — with not a mention of child abuse or domestic violence — the ball is in the NFL's court. Will they reinstate Peterson



Josh Gordon had 87 catches for 1,646 yards and nine touchdowns in 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

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#### Red-nose Rudolph

Kyle Rudolph was not suspended like Gordon or Peterson, he was just hurt. But he's targeting Week 11 for his return from groin surgery and should quickly slide into a major role for tight end friendly coordinator Norv Turner. It's interesting for fantasy owners as the tight end position is a wasteland behind the big three of Rob Gronkowski, Jimmy Graham and Julius Thomas.

### Pickups of the week

Here are the best adds for Week 10:

- **Mark Sanchez, QB, Eagles:** Was Nick Foles playing at an elite level? No. Was he lighting up the box score? Yes. Sanchez can do the same for Chip Kelly.
- **Terrance West, RB, Browns:** Cleveland coaches evaluated the tape and determined that West is their best back right now. Sweet dreams, Ben Tate.
- **Michael Vick, QB, Jets:** The spot doesn't get much better for Vick as he's home against a woeful Steelers defense primed for a letdown.

### NFL matchups

Fire up these borderline wideouts this week:

- **Eric Decker vs. PIT:** We've been using wideouts against William Gay and Cortez Allen all year long.
- **Marques Colston vs. SF:** Thanks to Patrick Willis, the Niners do an excellent job on tight ends. Drew Brees will have to look to Colston.

### Soaring tensions

#### 'Fire John Idzik' plane circles Jets practice

The "Fire John Idzik" movement continues to escalate.

A plane flying a banner reading "Fire John Idzik" flew over Wednesday's practice for 15 minutes, circling the fields as the players readied for Sunday's game against the Steelers.

Metro New York has learned the banner is not affiliated with the founders of FireJohnIdzik.com, the popular website pushing for the termination of the Jets general manager, who purchased three billboards pushing for Idzik's firing on Tuesday.

"I'm upset," head coach Rex Ryan said about the plane circling practice. "The billboard thing and all that stuff out there and then this. ... Even though I recognize that the fans are in pain and everything else, we all want to win. The blame

isn't on one person. I don't think it's fair."

The reaction from the players was universally against the banner, though some said they didn't see it during practice but heard about it afterward. Fullback John Conner was among the latter, who said he wasn't aware of the plane flying overhead until after practice was done.



PRESSURE FROM FANS HAS MOUNTED ON IDZIK SINCE LAST WEEK'S PRESS CONFERENCE. / GETTY IMAGES

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"It's unfortunate but the fans are angry, upset. But we are too," Conner said. "We just need to work hard, continue doing what we're doing and

hopefully just get a win on Sunday."

The Jets have lost eight straight games and figure to see a heavy presence of Steelers fans at MetLife Stadium on Sunday (1 p.m., CBS).

Owner Woody Johnson was in attendance during Wednesday's practice and spent time with both Ryan and Idzik as the plane flew overhead.

"John's tough, so it wasn't something that he was overly upset with," Ryan said. "I'm sure he wasn't pleased with it."

KRISTIAN DYER

Meet the champs



**Rolle said the team needs to "fight harder."**

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## Giants pick bad time to struggle

The Giants picked a bad time for their season to reach a crossroads.

They failed the first of four tough tests in a drubbing by the Colts and it doesn't get any easier as they prepare for the Seahawks.

"I still say there's times where I've felt that we just played as good and hard as any team in the league, and then I think that there are times when we just played as bad as any team in the league," said captain Antrel Rolle.

Rolle certainly hopes they trot out the former version and not the latter, as Seattle is widely regarded as the most difficult home field advantage in the league.

"This is a team, the defending Super Bowl champions, where we have done some preparing while we could during the bye," said head coach Tom Coughlin. "We tried to put some things together in advance for this week's preparation, knowing [the turnaround after Monday night] would be very quick. We have a full menu of information to digest here in a short amount of time [and] we're anxious to get to it." **TONY WILLIAMS**

### Quoted

**I think we played consistently hard the other night. What is Antrel's interpretation of that, I'm not sure, [but] I know he's an emotional guy and he does wear his emotions on his sleeve."**

**Tom Coughlin, head coach, on Rolle's criticism of the effort**

## MLB. Alex Rodriguez admitted he used PEDs to feds: Report

The lies keep getting deeper for Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez.

The Miami Herald reported Wednesday that despite public denials of any connection to the Biogenesis clinic the Yankee slugger admitted privately to federal investigators that he had used performance-enhancing drugs by Anthony Bosch.

The Herald reported Rodriguez purchased testosterone cream and received human growth hormone injections from Bosch with his infamous cousin, Yuri Sucart, delivering the drugs to

Rodriguez.

The 39-year-old adamantly denied using any performance-enhancing drugs from Bosch. He gave an interview with WFAN's Mike Francesa in November 2013, in which he flatly denied doing any drugs and said the investigators had no evidence of use.

"I did nothing," Rodriguez told

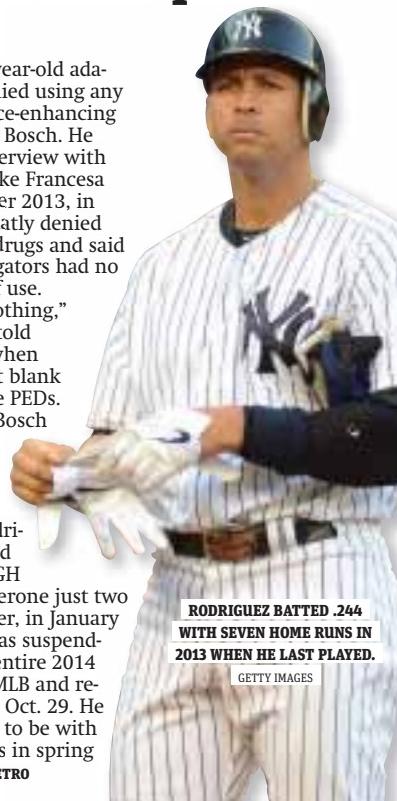
Francesa, when asked point blank if he'd done PEDs. "With the Bosch nonsense: nothing."

The Herald reports Rodriguez copped to using HGH and testosterone just two months later, in January 2014. He was suspended for the entire 2014 season by MLB and reinstated on Oct. 29. He is expected to be with the Yankees in spring training. **METRO**

### Surgery

The Yankees announced Brett Gardner had abdominal surgery in October.

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